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Inaugural Ball Dispute.

The two branches of Congress are in a deadlock as to where the inaugural ball shall be held on March 4 next. The Senate is willing to loan the pension building to the inaugural committee for use as a ball room, but the House of Representatives is not, and suggests that the Congressional Library is just the place for the big function. Some one, who evidently has not thought over the matter deeply, has proposed a compromise by suggesting the United States capitol building as the only proper place for the ball. Members of Congress do not take to this suggestion, simply because they know from experience that the capitol will be in use all day on March 4 for the inaugural ceremonies, and there will be no time to decorate it for the ball at night.

The committee on legislation, a sub-committee of the inaugural committee, to-day at its meeting, after listening to speeches in favor of the pension building and the objections made by the Senate to the library as a ball room, surprised even itself by voting, after the speeches had ended, to urge Congress to grant the inaugural committee the use of the Congressional library. This action no doubt brought about the deadlock for the House Committee on District of Columbia, which has charge of the question, decided to amend the Senate bill so as to strike out the pension building and substituting the library of Congress. If the House, when the bill comes before it, adopts this recommendation, then the whole matter will have to go to a conference committee of the two branches of Congress and be settled there. If this is done it is safe to predict that the Senate will win out, and that Congress will finally grant the use of the pension building for the ball.

The Senators are determined in their opposition to the library for the ball. Four years ago, when Senator Hanna proposed that this building be used, the Senate took a firm and decided stand against any such action. They won then, and they will win now, for the arguments against the library are stronger than ever. There is no large hall in this building which can be given over to dancing; there are no galleries from which the throngs can watch the grand promenade, nor are there accommodations for the reception of the distinguished guests or the various committees, and to decorate the building would be to "paint the lily and gild refined gold."

The use of the capitol itself is shown to be out of the question. It is evident then, if there is to be an inaugural ball, and there must be one to pay the expenses of the celebration, the pension building is the only one in Washington large enough for the occasion. The deadlock may in the end prove advantageous to the ball, for the discussion will excite interest and cause curiosity among the visitors to witness the function when they come to the inauguration.

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

Conference Between Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Tawney.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt and Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions, had a conference regarding the government's participation in the centennial celebration of the settlement at Jamestown, Va. The President told Mr. Tawney he had heard the committee had decided against government participation in the proposed exposition. Mr. Tawney told the President this impression was not correct.

The committee, he said, was of opinion that an industrial exposition might not be desirable, but believed the government should appropriate money for a great international naval and merchant marine demonstration to be held at Hampton Roads. The development of plans for such a demonstration had been delegated to a subcommittee, which now was working out the details, the purpose being to make the demonstration an international affair of magnitude and importance.

The President suggested no plans to Mr. Tawney, but expressed the hope that Congress would make adequate provision for the commemoration of so important an event in the country's history as the settlement of Jamestown.

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Syveton Commits Suicide to Avoid Suit of Divorce.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The circumstances attending the death of Deputy Gabriel Syveton, who was found dead from asphyxiation in his apartments at Neuilly, December 8, are developing into a domestic drama of startling magnitude. Although the authorities refuse to speak pending their investigations, many sensational features have already come to light.

It is established that the wife of M. Syveton was about to apply for a divorce on the grounds of improper relations between M. Syveton and Mme. Menard, a daughter of Mme. Syveton by a former husband. Both M. Menard and Mme. Syveton had accused the deputy of these relations, and a family council took place shortly before M. Syveton's death, at which violent scenes were enacted. M. Menard declaring that it was the duty of the Deputy to put a bullet through his head and Mme. Syveton announcing her purpose to sue for a divorce.

This was the eve of M. Syveton's trial for assaulting War Minister Andre in the Chamber of Deputies on November 4. The deputy foresaw the public disclosure of his relations with his wife's daughter, and thereupon committed suicide for the purpose of averting the disclosure.

The foregoing is interwoven with many scandalous details which the police and public are following with absorbing interest. The case has taken on a political aspect, the Nationalists associated with M. Syveton asserting that there were threats of disclosure which amounted to a conspiracy on the part of the government's supporters to compel the deputy to take his own life. This charge does not appear to be supported, as the tragedy was clearly the result of a scandalous domestic drama.

In the course of investigation it developed that M. Syveton had been receiving a salary of \$5,000 as secretary for Count Boni de Castellane.

PENROSE TURNED DOWN.

President Will Reappoint Wickersham to Alaskan Judgeship.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—The intention of President Roosevelt to send the name of Judge James Wickersham to the Senate in a few days as his own successor on the bench in Alaska, will bring disappointment to Senator Penrose. The Senator induced the President to hold up the nomination of Wickersham because he is supposed to be hostile to the interests in Pennsylvania that have bought syndicate shares which they believe entitle them to ownership of the mountain of copper ore 180 miles back from the shores of Alaska bay, which is admitted to be the greatest copper ore body in the world.

This syndicate, capitalized at about \$50,000,000, sold much of its stock in and about Wilkesbarre. Judge Wickersham decided against it in a suit brought against the real owners